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SUBJECT: SOVIET MEDIA ON ISRAEL'S ATTACK
- ON IRAQI REACTORS

1. (LOU) SOVIET MEDIA ARE ADOPTING AN INCREASINGLY STRIDENT TONE IN IDENTIFYING THE U.S. WITH THE ISRAELI ATTACK ON THE IRAQI NUCLEAR REACTOR. EVIDENTLY, THE SOVIETS ARE NOT ONLY TARGETING ARAB PUBLIC OPINION, BUT ALSO THE CURRENT DELIBERATIONS IN THE UNSC.

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2. (U) THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF THIS IS A STATEMENT READ OVER SOVIET TELEVISION ("VREMYA" NEWS PROGRAM) ON JUNE 14 BY A COMMENTATOR WHO MADE THE POINT THAT ISRAEL'S ATTACK NOT ONLY DESTROYED THE IRAQI REACTOR, BUT ALSO THE COURSE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE COMMENTATOR PLAYED ON THE THEME THAT CAMP DAVID HAS BROUGHT THE NEAR EAST NEITHER PEACE NOR SECURITY, AND REFERRED TO TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST. HE CLAIMED THE RAID HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT PRIME MINISTER BEGIN CAN ACT WITH "IMPUNITY," AND CALLED WASHINGTON'S RESPONSE TO THIS PARTICULAR ATTACK HYPOCRITICAL, CLAIMING PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS ASSURED BEGIN THAT THE CHARACTER OF U.S-ISRAELI RELATIONS WILL NOT CHANGE. HE ALSO STATED THAT GENERAL DYNAMICS WAS CONTINUING PRODUCTION OF F-16S WHICH WILL BE SENT TO ISRAEL.

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3. (U) THE OTHER MAIN PIECE APPEARING ON THIS ISSUE WAS THE JUNE 14 PRAVDA INTERNATIONAL OBSERVER COLUMN ITEM BY V. BOLSHAKOV, WHICH REITERATED THE "HYPOCRISY" THEME. BOLSHAKOV CRITICIZED AN ADDRESS BY DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE R. KENNEDY ATTACKING THE USSR, CUBA AND LIBYA FOR SUPPORTING, FINANCING AND ARMING TERRORISTS, WHILE MAKING NO MENTION OF ISRAEL. THE ARTICLE ATTEMPTS TO SHOOT DOWN THE ARGUMENT THAT THE RAID WAS "PREVENTIVE", BY STATING THAT IRAQ IS A SIGNATORY TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, THAT THE PROJECT IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF IAEA, AND THAT FRENCH SPECIALISTS "HAVE SAID WITH ONE VOICE" THAT THE REACTOR COULD NOT MAKE BOMBS AND THE IRAQIS HAVE NO INTENTION OF DOING SO. BOLSHAKOV POINTED OUT THAT 40 YEARS AGO THE NAZIS

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STRUCK AT THE SOVIET UNION UNDER THE PRETEXT OF A "PREVENTIVE" STRIKE. HE QUOTES THE DELHI TIMES CHARACTERIZATION OF THE AMERICAN RESPONSE AS A "SLAP ON THE HANDS" OF ISRAEL, SAYING A SLAP IS INEFFECTIVE AGAINST TEL AVIV AND THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN SENT THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR HIS ASSURANCE THAT THE USA "ABOVE ALL, VIEWS ISRAEL AS ITS CLOSEST ALLY" AND "WILL NOT PERMIT AN IMBALANCE IN THE DISPOSITION (RASSTANOVKA) OF FORCES" IN THE REGION TO THE DETRIMENT OF ISRAEL.
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